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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/821,645	Applicant(s) WESINGER ET AL.	
	Examiner Sangwoo Ahn	Art Unit 2166	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 5 – 8, 16, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 6 recites “said keywords”. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation.

Claim 7 and 18 recite “said second set of keywords”. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation.

Claim 8 and 19 recite “said content categories”. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation which renders the entire claim indefinite.

Examiner also asserts that claims 5 and 16 fail to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. These claims recite “said content includes keywords”. However, Claims 6 and 17 recite “said content includes categories associated to said keywords”. Examiner is confused whether **“keywords” are the “content”, “keywords” and “categories” both are the “content”, or “keywords” are just to which categories are associated.**

For the purpose of proper examination, Examiner respectfully suggests Applicant to make clarifications.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. For an apparatus to be physical object, at least one recited element must be hardware. If all elements would have been reasonably interpreted in light of the disclosure by one of ordinary skill as software alone, the claim is directed to software *per se* and is non-statutory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 – 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,907,837 issued to Patrick J. Ferrel et al. (hereinafter "Ferrel"), in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,832,497 issued to Jeffrey C. Taylor (hereinafter "Taylor").

Regarding claim 1, Ferrel discloses,

A method for creating a personalized home page on a web site comprising:

presenting a entry page to the user for user entry of desired content (column 8 lines 1 – 3, column 17 lines 45 – 56, et seq.);

receiving said entry of desired content from said user (column 8 lines 1 – 3, column 17 lines 45 – 56, et seq.);

a user account including said desired content (Figures 1 and 4, column 8 lines 61 – 63, et seq.); and

creating a personalized home page including said desired content (column 7 lines 61 – 62, column 8 lines 39 – 43; 61 – 63, et seq.).

Ferrel does not explicitly disclose,
associating user account on said web site with said home page, said account including desire content and an associated user ID and password.

However, Taylor discloses associating user account on said web site with said home page, said account including said desire content and an associated user ID and password (column 3 lines 61 – 62, column 4 lines 54 – 58, column 5 lines 40 – 41, et seq.). At the time of the present invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the data processing art to combine the two references because Taylor's user account with desired content, user ID and password would have enabled Ferrel's overall system to have security features that would specify who may access the contents. The combination would result in a secure system operable to lead a user through certain steps and parameters to a search/organization by categories.

Regarding claim 2, Ferrel discloses said content includes categories of information (Figures 22 – 24, column 21 lines 40 – 53, column 17 lines 49 – 50, et seq.).

Regarding claim 3, Ferrel discloses non-textual information associated with said categories (column 7 lines 61 – 62, et seq.).

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Regarding claim 4, Ferrel discloses said non-textual information includes graphics (column 9 lines 15 – 16, et seq.).

Regarding claim 5, Ferrel discloses said content includes keywords (column 27 line 40, column 17 lines 45 – 50, et seq.).

Regarding claim 6, Ferrel discloses said content includes categories associated to said keywords (column 27 line 40, column 17 lines 45 – 50, column 23 lines 56 – 62, et seq.).

Regarding claim 7, Ferrel discloses said content includes categories associated to said second set of keywords (column 27 line 40, column 17 lines 45 – 50, et seq.).

Regarding claim 8, Ferrel discloses said content categories associated to said keywords and further associated to an additional set of categories (column 27 line 40, column 17 lines 45 – 50, et seq.).

Regarding claim 9, Taylor discloses said account further includes personalized information (column 5 lines 33 – 58, et seq.).

Regarding claim 10, Taylor discloses said personalized information includes a URL to the user's homepage (column 5 lines 33 – 58, et seq.).

Regarding claim 11, Taylor discloses the act of password-protecting said account (column 3 lines 61 – 62, column 4 lines 54 – 58, column 5 lines 40 – 41, et seq.).

Claims 12 – 22 are rejected based on the same rationale discussed in claims 1 – 11 rejections.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent Number 5,870,552 issued to Linda T. Dozier et al discloses a publishing system to create and publish hypermedia content in electronic form.

U.S. Patent Number 5,732,219 issued to Thomas P. Blumer et al discloses a system for remotely editing document objects stored on server via a communication channel.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sangwoo Ahn whose telephone number is (571) 272-5626. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on (571)272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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